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In re the Application of: ALAIN VALLEE ET AL. Serial No.: 10/628,403 Filed: July 29, 2003 For: POLYIMIDE-BASED BATTERY FOR A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC APPLIANCE	Art Unit: 1745 Examiner: ALEJANDRO, Raymond
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-15) in the present application.

Applicants further elect the species depicted in Figure 1 for initial examination in the patent application. Claims 1-15 read on the elected species and are generic to both the alleged species of Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and election of species since the subject matter of all of claims 1-17 and species 1 and 2 are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims and species would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims and species. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement and

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election of species be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.


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